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### **Proposed Changes of Acibenzolar-S-methyl Standards Notified to WTO**

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**Report Highlights:**

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Japan proposes the following changes to MRLs for Acibenzolar-S-methyl:

| Commodity  | MRL (draft) ppm | MRL (current) ppm |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|
| Rice (brown rice)                                | 0.1             | 0.1               |
| Wheat  | 0.05            | 0.05              |
| Barley   | ●               | 0.05              |
| Rye  | ●               | 0.05              |
| Corn (maize, including pop corn and sweet corn)  | ●               | 0.05              |
| Buckwheat  | ●               | 0.05              |
| Other cereal grains <sup>1</sup>                 | ●               | 0.05              |
| Turnip, leaves (including rutabaga)              | ○ 1             |                   |
| Watercress                                       | 0.3             | 0.3               |
| Chinese cabbage                                  | 1               | 1                 |
| Cabbage  | 1               | 1                 |
| Brussels sprouts                                 | 1               | 1                 |
| Kale   | 1               | 1                 |
| Komatsuna (Japanese mustard spinach)             | 1               | 1                 |
| Kyona  | 1               | 1                 |
| Qing-geng-cai                                    | 1               | 1                 |
| Cauliflower                                      | 1               | 1                 |
| Broccoli   | 1               | 1                 |
| Other cruciferous vegetables <sup>2</sup>        | 1               | 1                 |
| Endive   | 0.3             | 0.3               |
| Shungiku   | 0.3             | 0.3               |
| Lettuce (including cos lettuce and leaf lettuce) | ○ 0.4           | 0.3               |
| Other composite vegetables <sup>3</sup>          | 0.3             | 0.3               |
| Onion  | ○ 0.2           | 0.1               |
| Garlic   | ○ 0.2           |                   |
| Parsley  | 0.3             | 0.3               |
| Celery   | 0.3             | 0.3               |
| Other umbelliferous vegetables <sup>4</sup>      | 0.3             | 0.3               |
| Tomato   | 1               | 1                 |
| Pimiento (sweet pepper)                          | 1               | 1                 |

| Commodity  | MRL (draft) ppm | MRL (current) ppm |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|
| Egg plant  | 1               | 1                 |
| Other solanaceous vegetables <sup>5</sup>        | 1               | 1                 |
| Cucumber (including gherkin)                     | ○ 0.8           |                   |
| Pumpkin (including squash)                       | ○ 0.8           |                   |
| Oriental pickling melon (vegetable)              | ○ 0.8           |                   |
| Other cucurbitaceous vegetables <sup>6</sup>     | ○ 0.8           |                   |
| Spinach  | 1               | 1                 |
| Other vegetables <sup>7</sup>                    | 0.3             | 0.3               |
| Citrus natsudaikai, whole                        | ○ 0.02          |                   |
| Lemon  | ○ 0.02          |                   |
| Orange (including navel orange)                  | ○ 0.02          |                   |
| Grapefruit                                       | ○ 0.02          |                   |
| Lime   | ○ 0.02          |                   |
| Other citrus fruits <sup>8</sup>                 | ○ 0.02          |                   |
| Apple  | ○ 0.3           |                   |
| Nectarine  | ○ 0.2           |                   |
| Apricot  | ○ 0.2           |                   |
| Mume plum  | ○ 0.2           |                   |
| Strawberry                                       | 0.2             | 0.2               |
| Blueberry  | 0.2             | 0.2               |
| Cranberry  | 0.2             | 0.2               |
| Other berries <sup>9</sup>                       | 0.2             | 0.2               |
| Banana   | 0.1             | 0.1               |
| Other herbs <sup>10</sup>                        | 1               | 1                 |
| Cattle, muscle                                   | ○ 0.02          |                   |
| Pig, muscle                                      | ○ 0.02          |                   |
| Other terrestrial mammals <sup>11</sup> , muscle | ○ 0.02          |                   |
| Cattle, fat                                      | ○ 0.02          |                   |
| Pig, fat   | ○ 0.02          |                   |
| Other terrestrial mammals, fat                   | ○ 0.02          |                   |
| Cattle, liver                                    | ○ 0.02          |                   |
| Pig, liver                                       | ○ 0.02          |                   |
| Other terrestrial mammals, liver                 | ○ 0.02          |                   |
| Cattle, kidney                                   | ○ 0.02          |                   |
| Pig, kidney                                      | ○ 0.02          |                   |
| Other terrestrial mammals, kidney                | ○ 0.02          |                   |
| Cattle, edible offal <sup>12</sup>               | ○ 0.02          |                   |
| Pig, edible offal                                | ○ 0.02          |                   |
| Other terrestrial mammals, edible offal          | ○ 0.02          |                   |
| Milk   | ○ 0.01          |                   |
| Chicken, muscle                                  | ○ 0.02          |                   |
| Other poultry <sup>13</sup> , muscle             | ○ 0.02          |                   |

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|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Chicken, fat                | ○ 0.02          |                   |
| Other poultry, fat          | ○ 0.02          |                   |
| Chicken, liver              | ○ 0.02          |                   |
| Other poultry, liver        | ○ 0.02          |                   |
| Chicken, kidney             | ○ 0.02          |                   |
| Other poultry, kidney       | ○ 0.02          |                   |
| Chicken, edible offal       | ○ 0.02          |                   |
| Other poultry, edible offal | ○ 0.02          |                   |
| Chicken eggs                | ○ 0.02          |                   |
| Other poultry, eggs         | ○ 0.02          |                   |

● : Commodities for which MRLs are to be lowered or deleted.

○ : Commodities for which MRLs are to be increased or newly set.

\* The uniform limit 0.01 ppm will be applied to commodities for which draft MRLs are not given in this table and to commodities not listed above.

Note: The residue definition is sum of acibenzolar-S-methyl and metabolite B [benzo[1,2,3]thiadiazole-7-carboxylic acid] (including metabolites that can be hydrolyzed to metabolite B), expressed as acibenzolar-S-methyl.

1. "Other cereal grains" refers to all cereal grains, except rice (brown rice), wheat, barley, rye, corn (maize), and buckwheat.
2. "Other cruciferous vegetables" refers to all cruciferous vegetables, except Japanese radish roots and leaves (including radish), turnip roots and leaves, horseradish, watercress, Chinese cabbage, cabbage, brussels sprouts, kale, komatsuna (Japanese mustard spinach), kyona, qing-geng-cai, cauliflower, broccoli, and herbs.
3. "Other composite vegetables" refers to all composite vegetables, except burdock, salsify, artichoke, chicory, endive, shungiku, lettuce (including cos lettuce and leaf lettuce), and herbs.
4. "Other umbelliferous vegetables" refers to all umbelliferous vegetables, except carrot, parsnip, parsley, celery, mitsuba, spices, and herbs.
5. "Other solanaceous vegetables" refers to all solanaceous vegetables, except tomato, pimiento (sweet pepper), and egg plant.
6. "Other cucurbitaceous vegetables" refers to all cucurbitaceous vegetables, except cucumber (including gherkin), pumpkin (including squash), oriental pickling melon (vegetable), watermelon, melons, and makuwauri melon.
7. "Other vegetables" refers to all vegetables, except potatoes, sugar beet, sugarcane, cruciferous vegetables, composite vegetables, liliaceous vegetables, umbelliferous vegetables, solanaceous vegetables, cucurbitaceous vegetables, spinach, bamboo shoots, okra, ginger, peas (with pods, immature), kidney beans (with pods, immature), green soybeans, mushrooms, spices, and herbs.
8. "Other citrus fruits" refers to all citrus fruits, except unshu orange (pulp), citrus natsudaikai (pulp), citrus natsudaikai (peel), citrus natsudaikai (whole), lemon, orange (including navel orange), grapefruit, lime, and spices.
9. "Other berries" refers to all berries, except strawberry, raspberry, blackberry, blueberry, cranberry, and huckleberry.

10. "Other herbs" refers to all herbs, except watercress, nira, parsley stems and leaves, celery stems and leaves.

11. "Other terrestrial mammals" refers to all terrestrial mammals, except cattle and pig.

12. "Edible offal" refers to all edible parts, except muscle, fat, liver, and kidney.

13. "Other poultry animals" refers to all poultry, except chicken.